


REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an election/restriction requirement. The Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the claims and the reasons for the election/restriction requirement. However, solely to advance the prosecution of this application, the Applicant makes the following elections: A) the Applicant elects group II, drawn to claims 1-15, classified in class 206, subclass 457; B) the Applicant elects group III, claims 1-3, 5-9, 16, 17, 21 and 22; and C) the Applicant elects species 1, as proposed by the Examiner for the product sub-combination on page 4 of the Office Action Summary. The Applicant therefore identifies claims 1-3 and 5-8 as encompassing the elected invention and requests that these claims be examined in accordance with the restriction requirement. The Applicant also cancels claims 4 and 9-22 without prejudice to further prosecution of the subject matter of these claims. The Applicant's cancellation of these claims is not to be regarded in any way as acquiescence or agreement with the rejections, which are respectfully traversed by the Applicant. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled claims at a later stage within the present application or within a divisional.

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